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DEFENCE POLICY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence Experts are of the view that a reactive defence policy being followed by the Indian Army poses a military disadvantage and the country should adopt an offensive defence policy;

(b) if so, whether the Government have considered these proposals; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A number of suggestions / recommendations have been received from various quarters including expert bodies such as the Kargil Review Committee for evolving a more effective system of managing National Security. Government has constituted a Group of Ministers (GOM) on 17th April 2000 to review the National Security system in its entirety and in particular, to consider the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee and formulate specific proposals for implementation. The GOM has set up four Task Forces; one each in the areas of intelligence apparatus, internal security, border management and defence management. The GOM is expected to submit its report in a period of six months from the date of its constitution.